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METHOD

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-346499, filed in Japan on November 14, 2000.

A certified copy of the above-referred-to Japanese Patent Application was filed on January 4, 2002 in prior application Serial No. 09/987,337, filed November 14, 2001.

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